

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION UNIT

Job Responsibilities

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit within the New Jersey Office of Counter-Terrorism is responsible for coordinating policies and actions to protect New Jersey's key assets, particularly targets with catastrophic potential such as nuclear power plants, chemical facilities, pipelines, and ports. Protecting New Jersey's key assets is a shared responsibility of state government and local municipalities in active partnership with the private sector, which owns approximately 85 percent of New Jersey's critical infrastructure. The Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit provides state, local, and private entities one primary contact, instead of many, for coordinating protection activities with the federal government, including vulnerability assessments, strategic planning efforts, and exercises. CI staff members focus on vulnerability assessments of facilities throughout New Jersey in order to implement a robust strategy and protect public and private entities from potential terrorist exploitation.

Intern Responsibilities

The Infrastructure Protection Unit manages a number of on-going communications and outreach efforts that inform both public and private sector key assets of known security threats. The intern will assist Critical Infrastructure staff members with a variety of operations, functions, and projects related to this endeavor. The qualified candidate assumes the responsibility of interpreting open-source information and extrapolating data for collection, analysis, evaluation, and dissemination to the appropriate government officials, law enforcement agencies, and private entities. Incumbent may prepare briefing material and make presentations as necessary. Candidate is also responsible for drafting and disseminating a weekly newsletter to many of New Jersey's key public and private facilities. Incumbent will assist in collecting and publishing open-source information that is relevant to each critical infrastructure sector. Specifically, this information will include updated threat incident data, as well as standards and best practices and sector news that may be of significance or interest.

Qualifications Needed

Candidate must be currently earning, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree entering their 3rd or 4th year of study. Candidate will preferably major in criminal justice, political science, business administration, international relations, or equivalent area of concentration. Candidate must have good written and oral communications capability and possess the ability to accomplish independent research through the use of a variety of sources. Candidate must be proficient with the use of all Microsoft Office software. Ability to work with minimal supervision and exercise good judgment. Ability to work closely with a range of individuals with diverse interests, backgrounds, and dispositions. Must have strong communication skills including the ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from staff members, governmental entities, and the general public.